

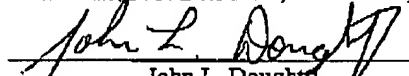
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| Title: | Method and apparatus for sub- |) | | |
| | network devices without direct |) | | |
| | layer-2 communication and |) | | |
| | coupled to a common |) | | |
| | forwarding agent interface to |) | | |
| | communicate through layer-3 |) | | |

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, having a response due by March 29, 2006. A request for an extension of time is enclosed. Thus, this Response is timely filed. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.